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**REMARKS**

The amendment filed on 7/17/2006 has received, however, the amendment is non-responsive for the following reasons:

1) The amendment filed on 4/14/06 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because the previously examined claims were directed towards a system and method for identifying user preferences and generating a program schedule based on the acquired user preferences data and transmitting the redacted program schedule to the user. The newly presented claims are directed towards a system and method for remotely selecting a scheduled program and delivering the selected scheduled program to a predetermined receiver.

2) Applicant had filed a request for continued examination (RCE) to obtain continued examination on the basis of claims that are independent and distinct from the claims previously claimed and examined. Newly submitted claims 54-82 directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Thus, applicant has switched inventions or shifted the inventions by way of an RCE.

Accordingly, claims 54-82 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. The Examiner has no discretion to prosecute the newly presented claims 54-82.

Applicant may file a continuing application (a separate application) or divisional application under § 1.53(d) in order to prosecute the non-elected claims.

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Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ngoc K. Vu whose telephone number is 571-272-7306. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Miller can be reached on 571-272-7353. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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